GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - Sri Kiran Gnanamurthy, former Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal, YSR Kadapa District (Retd) - Departmental proceedings initiated under rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules 1991 - Article of Charges issued- Explanation submitted - Inquiry Officer appointed – Enquiry report submitted - conclusion of disciplinary proceedings under Rule 9 of the A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 – impose a penalty of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of two years" on the Charged Officer – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 999 **Dated: 29-12-2020.**

Read the following:

1. Ref.No.A1/180/2016, Dated:23.03.2016 of District Collector, YSR.Kadapa District.
2. From the CCLA, A.P., Vijayawada, CCLAs Ref.No.VS.II(1)/392/2016, dated.25.04.2016.
3. Explanation of Sri Z Kiran Gnanamurthy, Tahsildar, Chapadu (M), Y.S.R District, Dt:04.08.2016.
4. Progs.No.VS.II(1)/392/2016, Dt:31.03.2017 of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
5. Inquiry report of the Joint Collector-II, Y.S.R.District Dt:13.10.2017.
6. CCLA's Ref.No.VS.II(1)/392/2016, dated.01.03.2019 of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
7. From the CCLA, A.P., Vijayawada, CCLAs Ref.No.VS.II(1)/392/2016, dated.01.07.2019.
8. Govt.Memo.No.LANA0CCLV(DISC)/90/2019-Vig.III(2), Dt:04.02.2020.
9. Reply to SCN by Sri Z.Kiran Gnanamurthy, Tahsildar (Retd), Dt:20.02.2020
10. Govt.Letter.No.LANA0CCLV(DISC)/90/2020-Vig.III(2), Dt:01.10.2020.
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter.No.144/DC&C/2020, Dated:06.11.2020

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ORDER:

Whereas, In the reference 1st read above, the Collector, Y.S.R.District has reported that, (1) Sri Z.Kiran Gnanamurthy, former Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal, (retired from service on 30.4.2019) & Sri K.Raja Sekhar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Alladupalli village, Chapadu (M), have committed irregularities of tampering the records in Web land by digitally signing the land in Sy.No.9/A with an extent 1.11 acres (0.11 acres excess), Alladupalli Village of Chapadu (M). Based on the said report, common departmental proceedings were initiated and the following article of Charges have been framed against Sri Z.Kiran Gnanamurthy, former Tahsildar, by the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration vide the reference 2nd read above. The Details of the Charges is as below:

> **Charge:** That during the aforesaid peri od, while functioning in the aforesaid office, Sri Z.Kiran Gnana Murthy, formerly Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal has failed to keep the Dongle (Digital Signature) and password with him and deliberately handed over the same to the private operator and given the scope to the private Computer Operator and VRO to tamper the records by digitally signing the land in Sy.No.9/A with an extent 1.11 acres (0.11 acres excess) in favour of Sri C. Obul Reddy though the actual extent is 1.00 Ac only in Alladupalli Village of Chapadu Mandal in the webland.
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> Thus, Sri Z.Kiran Gnanamurthy, Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal being a responsible government Servant has failed to secure his Dongle (Digital Signature) and password with him and caused mischief by his subordinate staff and shown gross negligence in discharging his legitimate duties in Violation of Rule 3(1) (2) & (3) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. And whereas, the charged Officer Sri Z.Kiran Gnanamurthy, former Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal has submitted his written explanation denying the charges framed against him, vide the reference 3rd read above.

3. And whereas, the Joint Collector-II, Y.S.R.District was appointed as Inquiry Officer for conduct of regular Inquiry into the charges against the said charged Officer vide the reference 4th read above. The Inquiry officer/Joint Collector-II, YSR District, has submitted Inquiry report along with findings stating that the charges are held proved against the charged Officer, vide the reference 5th read above.

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4. Further, a copy of the Inquiry report has been communicated to the charged officer under rule 21(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, with a direction to submit his further representations, if any, within 15 days, vide the reference 6th read above. Subsequently, the charged Officer has submitted his further written explanation requesting to drop the charges against him.

5. And whereas, in the reference 7th read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada has informed that the charged officer Sri Z.Kiran Gnanamurthy, former Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal was retired from service on 30.04.2019, and as such requested to conclude the departmental proceedings against retried Government servant along with other officials who are involved in the same case under rule.9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 r/w rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

6. Government, after careful examination of the Inquiry report and the explanation of the Charged officer, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of two years" against Sri Z.Kiran Gnanamurthy, former Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal (now retired) for the charge held proved. Therefore, a Show Cause Notice was issued as to why the proposed penalty of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of two years" should not be imposed upon him, vide the reference 8th read above. In response to the Show Cause Notice, the Charged Officer i.e, Sri Z.Kiran Gnanamurthy, former Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal (now retired) has submitted his explanation reiterating his earlier explanation and requested to release the pensionary benefits by reducing the proposed punishment, vide the reference 9th read above.

7. After examining the explanation of the delinquent officer, Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision taken i.e, to impose a punishment of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of two years" against the Charged Officer. Accordingly, the Secretary, APPSC was requested to place the above proposal of the Government before the Commission and furnish their concurrence to the Government for taking further action in the matter, vide the reference 10th read above.

8. In the reference 11th read above, the Secretary, APPSC has informed that after careful examination of the disciplinary case in the light of the records made available, Commission agrees with the proposals of the Government, to impose a punishment of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of two years" against Sri Kiran Gnanamurthy, former Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal, YSR District (Retd) and advised accordingly.

9. Government, after careful examination of the matter have decided to confirm the provisional decision taken and accordingly hereby impose a penalty of " withholding of 5% pension for a period of two years " against the Charged Officer Sri Z. Kiran Gnanamurthy, former Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal, YSR Kadapa District (Retd), in terms of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada/ the Collector, YSR Kadapa District shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. USHARANI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Z. Kiran Gnanamurthy, former Tahsildar, Chapadu Mandal, YSR Kadapa District (Retd) through the Collector, YSR Kadapa District.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Collector, YSR Kadapa District.

Copy to:-

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER